

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) ~~A harmful material remediating~~ An organic compound decomposing agent comprising ~~a metal oxide~~ an iron suboxide and a ~~reducing material~~ an iron in admixture.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Cancelled)

Claim 4. (Cancelled)

Claim 5. (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) ~~A harmful material remediating~~ An organic compound decomposing agent according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the iron ~~oxide~~ suboxide is at least one iron ~~oxide~~ suboxide selected from the group consisting of magnetite, hyper-reduced magnetite and berthollide.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) ~~A harmful material remediating~~ An organic compound decomposing agent according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the mixing ratio of the metal iron and the ~~metal oxide~~ iron suboxide is in the range of 0.02 : 1 – 9 : 1 in weight ratio.

Claim 9. (Cancelled)

Claim 10. (Cancelled)

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (Cancelled)

Claim 14. (Cancelled)

Claim 15. (Cancelled)

Claim 16. (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Cancelled)

Claim 18. (Cancelled)

Claim 19. (Cancelled)

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~remediating harmful materials~~
decomposing organic compounds which comprises introducing the ~~harmful material~~
~~remediating organic compound decomposing~~ agent of claim 1 into soil to decompose
the ~~harmful materials~~ organic compounds in the soil.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~remediating harmful materials~~
decomposing organic compounds which comprises introducing the ~~harmful material~~
~~remediating organic compound decomposing~~ agent of claim 1 into water to
decompose the ~~harmful materials~~ organic compounds in the water, and then
separating the ~~remediating organic compound decomposing~~ agent by solid-liquid
separation.